

So tonight we do that, not only for those killed in action that I have read from Pennsylvania, but for those who have lost their lives from States across the country, including the State of Colorado that our Presiding Officer represents.

I yield the floor and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### REMEMBERING CHARLES BENJAMIN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I wish to note the passing last December of a singular Nevadan, Charles Benjamin, who worked to promote clean energy. While he lived in Nevada for only 4 short years, his efforts will pay positive dividends long into the future.

He passed away on December 13, 2010, after a valiant battle with cancer, at the young age of 60.

Before Charles moved to Nevada in 2006, he was a lobbyist and attorney for the Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club. His career in environmental law included a law practice representing more than 25 neighborhood associations across Kansas on a variety of land use and zoning issues. He was also a political science professor at Bethel College in Kansas where he taught courses in environmental studies, American government, and international relations, and served 16 years as a county commissioner in Harvey County, KS. Charles earned a B.A., an M.A., and a Ph.D. from the School of International Relations at the University of Southern California, and a J.D. from the School of Law at the University of Kansas.

During his time in Nevada, Charles worked tirelessly to promote clean energy by developing and strengthening relationships with key Nevada stakeholders, including utilities, the State's consumer advocate, legislators, the governor, business interests, and the environmental community. He was quite helpful to me in my efforts to diversify Nevada's economy through development of our State's vast renewable energy resources and to make Nevada energy independent.

Charles was a feisty advocate for environmental justice and came to Nevada to help drive our State and the Nation toward a cleaner energy future.

To me, he was always courteous, honest and expressed his love for the environment. Nevada and the Nation need more people like Charles who are willing to work hard to tap into the limitless resources of the Sun, the wind and the Earth, and energy efficiency, to build a stronger, cleaner and more sustainable world. He will be missed.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. MARGARET T. BURROUGHS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I wish to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Margaret T. Burroughs, an artist, writer, and cofounder of the DuSable Museum of African American History in Chicago, IL.

Although she was born in Louisiana, Dr. Burroughs moved to Chicago to pursue a career in education and the arts. She spent her life documenting and preserving the history and culture of people of African descent and encouraging fair representation of African Americans. Dr. Burroughs made the first of her many contributions to African-American arts and culture at the age of 22 when she founded the South Side Community Arts Center, a community organization that serves as a gallery and workshop studio for artists and students.

She later went on to establish the DuSable Museum of African American History in 1961, the first museum in the country developed to preserve and interpret the experiences and achievements of people of African descent. The museum is recognized internationally as an educational resource for African-American art and history, with a collection of over 15,000 pieces, including paintings, sculptures, and historical memorabilia.

Dr. Burroughs' many contributions to art and history have been honored nationally. Her literary works and painting have traveled throughout the country—from my home State of Illinois to Washington, DC—and they serve as an inspiration to students and collectors of art. In 1975, Dr. Burroughs was honored for her service to the arts with the President's Humanitarian Award by President Gerald Ford.

Dr. Burroughs' passing in November of 2010 reminds us of the importance of history and the arts and our responsibility to preserve it. Her presence in Chicago and at the DuSable Museum will be greatly missed. As the city of Chicago recognizes the achievements of African Americans and the DuSable Museum during Black History Month, we in Congress honor the life of the DuSable Museum's founder, Margaret Burroughs. It is my hope that her legacy will live on through aspiring artists, historians, and philanthropists.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, the Honored Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007—the act—calls for the Se-

lect Committee on Ethics of the United States Senate to issue an annual report not later than January 31 of each year providing information in certain categories describing its activities for the preceding year. Reported below is the information describing the committee's activities in 2010 in the categories set forth in the act:

(1) The number of alleged violations of Senate rules received from any source, including the number raised by a Senator or staff of the Committee: 84. (In addition, 9 alleged violations from the previous year were carried into 2010.)

(2) The number of alleged violations that were dismissed—

(A) For lack of subject matter jurisdiction or in which, even if the allegations in the complaint are true, no violation of Senate rules would exist: 56. (This figure includes 1 matter that was carried into 2010.)

(B) Because they failed to provide sufficient facts as to any material violation of the Senate rules beyond mere allegation or assertion: 25.

(3) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry: 12. (This figure includes 6 matters from the previous calendar year carried into 2010.)

(4) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry that resulted in an adjudicatory review: 00.

(5) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry and the Committee dismissed the matter for lack of substantial merit: 08. (This figure includes 4 matters carried into 2010.)

(6) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry and the Committee issued private or public letters of admonition: 00.

(7) The number of matters resulting in a disciplinary sanction: 00.

(8) Any other information deemed by the Committee to be appropriate to describe its activities in the previous year:

In 2010, the Committee staff conducted 4 new Member ethics training sessions; 14 employee code of conduct training sessions; 21 Member and committee office campaign briefings; 43 ethics seminars for Member DC offices, state offices, and Senate committees; 2 private sector ethics briefings; and 10 international ethics briefings.

In 2010, the Committee staff handled approximately 11,137 telephone inquiries and 1,227 inquiries by email for ethics advice and guidance.

In 2010, the Committee wrote 769 ethics advisory letters and responses including, but not limited to, 540 travel and gifts matters (Senate Rule 35) and 134 conflict of interest matters (Senate Rule 37).

In 2010, the Committee issued 3,527 letters concerning financial disclosure filings by Senators, Senate staff and Senate candidates and reviewed 1,727 reports.

#### THE AFGHAN CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I want to take a minute to call the Senate's attention to a small U.S. aid program in Afghanistan that has a big impact, which I suspect few people here know about.

Shortly after 9/11 and the U.S. invasion to topple the Taliban, a young Californian woman named Marla